

## **PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW**

### **▯ Ribbon Cutting of New NEXUS Lane at Peace Bridge**

### **Slaughter to Announce Passage of ▯ NEXUS Amendment which will expand program**

**Washington, DC** - Tomorrow, Rep. Louise M. Slaughter ( D- Fairport) will be joined by Canadian Officials and local elected, business and community leaders to officially announce the opening of a second On-Demand NEXUS lane at Peace Bridge.

Rep. Slaughter will also announce the recent passage of her NEXUS Amendment through the U.S. House of Representatives.

### ***NEXUS Amendment***

The Slaughter Amendment will alleviate border congestion by expanding pre-clearance programs like NEXUS, FAST, and SENTRI. The Amendment will also establish a customer service phone number to resolve issues over the phone rather than in an office visit, saving travelers valuable time and conserving government resources and would create one consistent NEXUS card for land and air travelers. NEXUS Air cards currently require a retinal scan, while

NEXUS land cards use fingerprints.

The event will take place at the Buffalo Public Bridge Authority, and will feature the following community leaders:

***Elected Officials/Honored Guests***

**Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter** (D-Fairport)

**Roger Marsham:** Consul General, Canadian Consulate

**Sam Hoyt:** State Assemblyman representing Peace Bridge area

**Nick Bonifacio:** Niagara District Council Member, representing Peace Bridge area of City

**Al DeBenedetti:** Erie County Legislator, representing Peace Bridge area of County

***Niagara Community Leaders***

**Rich Geiger:** President and CEO, Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Tom Garlock:** NF Bridge Commission

**Paul Koessler:** PBA Vice-Chairman

**Tom Krause or Rep:** Niagara USA Chamber

**Ed Healy:** Director of Communications, Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Andrew Rudnick or Tourism Rep:** Buffalo Niagara Partnership

**Ron Reinas:** PBA General Manager

**What:**           **Unveiling of second on-Demand NEXUS lane at Peace Bridge.**

**When:**           **Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ 11:00am**

**Where:** Buffalo Public Bridge Authority (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby Room for Remarks,  
Outside at toll both for Ribbon Cutting)  
One Peace Bridge Plaza

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